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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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On June 3rd, a major levee within the Sacramento – San Joaquin River Delta failed, forcing the evacuation of hundreds of people, flooding nearly 36 square miles of agricultural lands, with potential impacts to the drinking water for two-thirds of the state's residents, including those of us in Los Angeles County. This failure caused Governor Schwarzenegger to declare a state of emergency, and state and federal water officials began coordinating efforts to ensure protection of our water supply.

The Delta is a significant source of our current and future imported water supply. We have heard past warnings from our state lawmakers and water officials about the fragile nature of the levee systems within the Delta and their importance as the hub of the state's water system. President Bush also recently declared it a Federal Disaster.

Recognizing water's importance to our economic prosperity and the quality of life enjoyed by our citizens I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board:

Direct the Department of Public Works, to review implications of this levee failure on the reliability and safety to the water supply of our County's residents and to report back to our Board within 30 days.

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